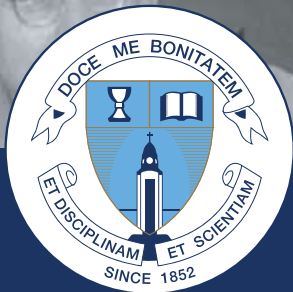
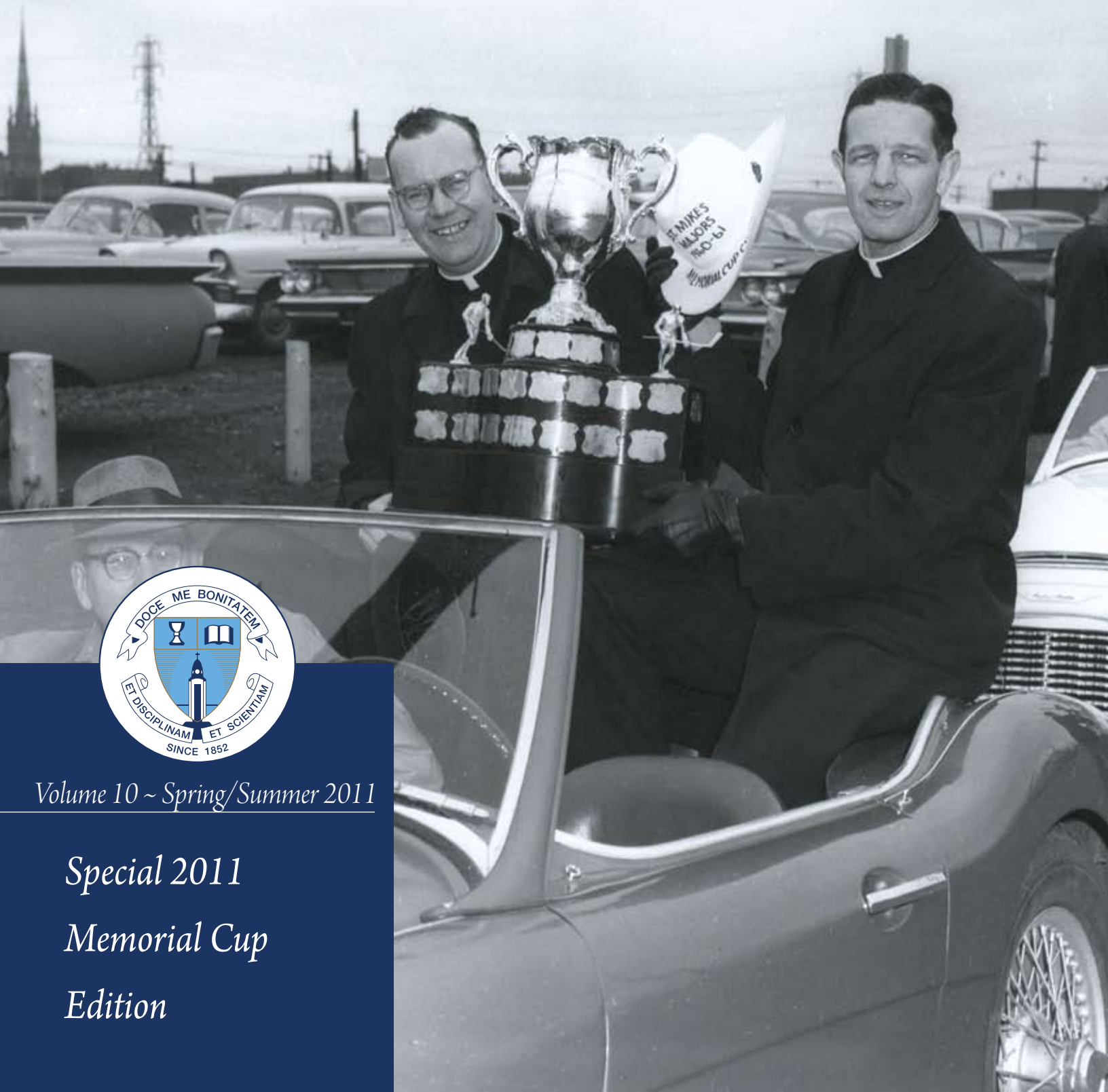


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message from the president

HONOURING THE PAST AND PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Dear Alumni and Friends:

The *Blue Banner* continues to be one of the main vehicles for informing you about those activities that make St. Michael's the vibrant educational community that it is.

This edition we welcome [Gavin Davidson '93](#) as our new editor. He takes over from [Joe Younder '56](#) who continues to be involved on a less strenuous basis.

This edition also highlights three important developments. The first is the continued success of Holy Name of Mary College School. We are very proud of the fact that next year our sister school will have its first graduation class and it is experiencing strong enrolment growth.

There is also news about the feasibility study to develop a Cristo Rey model of a school for the Greater Toronto Area. The Basilian Fathers General Council mandated me to pursue this enterprise and the feasibility study has been endorsed by the Cristo Rey Network of Chicago. When it is fully operational it will educate 500 low income students in a university preparatory program in an independent Catholic school. The school will be located somewhere near the subway system and the kids will work one day a week. The payment for the jobs goes to pay the tuition. We hope to open the doors to Grade 9 students in September 2012. Kimm Bailey has been seconded from the St. Michael's Advancement Office to be the Director of the Study. Stephanie Nicholls has taken over Kimm's duties.

Finally, the Memorial Cup tournament is being hosted by the Mississauga St. Michael's Majors. It should be a very exciting tournament and St. Mike's will be centrally involved. The highlight for us will be on Saturday, May, 21, when we host a reception to honour past St. Michael's Memorial Cup champions.

As you can see we continue to honour the past and at the same time plan for an even brighter future. Thank you for all your support!



Fr. Joe Redican C.S.B.
President



message from the alumni president

The approaching end of another school year provides a perfect opportunity to look both back and forward for the Alumni Association at SMC.

The last year has seen the Alumni Association continue to grow, with countless alumni being brought back into the fold, and a number of successful events and notable achievements. These have included new ways of connecting alumni with current students, another well attended Turkey Roll, the establishment of new sub-committees for the Alumni Association, a new level of collaboration between the Order of St. Michael and our Association, and the launch of a revived Old Boys Room, now known as the Alumni Lounge.

We are moving closer to its official grand opening and encourage you to contribute to the room and most certainly use it once it is up and running. In close association with the SMCS Archivist, Mr. Richard McQuade, there will be opportunities for the lounge to display memorabilia representing various areas spanning anywhere from sports to theatre. One of the main goals of the lounge is to further the Association's continuing mandate of ensuring strong and meaningful connections amongst the SMCS Alumni by maintaining links between past and present while supporting the mission of St. Michael's College School.

We will also be celebrating and reflecting on the school's hockey history this spring with the Majors hosting the Memorial Cup and the arena marking its 50th year of hockey history. For those of you that will be attending the Memorial Cup reception on Saturday, May 21, please drop into the lounge. Our intent is to have the lounge at a point where you may see its progress and where sponsors can view the fruits of their thoughtful gifts.

As we look forward, we are also moving into a new era for the alumni magazine, the *Blue Banner*. It is my pleasure to welcome our new editor [Gavin Davidson '93](#) to the fold. Please feel free to send your stories, news, and announcements along to Gavin to include in future additions. Gavin will be following in the footsteps of the irreplaceable [Joe Younder '56](#) who has contributed so much to the SMC community, especially with his tireless commitment to the Banner. A heartfelt thank you on behalf of all alumni goes out to him for all of his efforts.

I should also note that all of our meetings are open to any member of the alumni, and are held in the Old Boys Room on the following dates:

- > Wednesday, May 11, 2011 – 6 p.m.
- > Wednesday, June 8, 2011 – 6 p.m.
- > Wednesday, September 14, 2011 – 6 p.m.
- > Wednesday, November 9, 2011 – 6 p.m.

Please feel free to join us at one of our meetings or follow us online at www.stmichaelscollegeschool.com (under 'Our Community') where you can find news about upcoming events, initiatives, the alumni incentive programme and meeting agendas and minutes.

As always, I encourage you to contact me or any member of the Alumni Association board with any ideas or comments you have. We are always looking for new ways to reach out to new or "lost" alumni, and are open to new ideas about how we can best serve the alumni community.

Josh Colle '92



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letter from the editor

ENSURING THE TRADITION LIVES ON...

As I continue to grow (hopefully wiser, but definitely older) the more I am thankful for the many blessings I have received: a career that I love; a wonderful family that loves me; a home in a spectacular city in the finest country in the world; a great education from a wonderful school. Now, I am thankful to have the opportunity, as Editor of the *Blue Banner*, to give something back to the school that has given me so much.



While I'm on the topic of thanks, I must take a moment to relay my appreciation to everyone at St. Mike's that has welcomed and helped me during my initial weeks as Editor. Special thanks go to outgoing editor [Joe Younder '56](#), a man with impossibly large shoes to fill and a heart just as big. Over the course of the past four years, Joe has become synonymous with the *Blue Banner* – and that's why there's no way I'm letting him retire. Seriously though, it is my sincere hope that he remains not just a valuable source of counsel, but a regular and esteemed contributor.

While this issue could not have been published without Joe's help, the same is true for many others: our school and alumni Presidents – Fr. Joe Redican, C.S.B. and [Josh Colle '92](#), my co-editor [Mike De Pellegrin '94](#), Richard McQuade in the Archives, and everybody in the Advancement and Communications Offices.

Considering my first decision as editor was to push the publication date of this issue up by five weeks, I wouldn't have blamed them for questioning my sanity. Instead, they shared my vision that a Memorial Cup hosted by the (Mississauga) St. Michael's Majors is an event worthy of extensive and timely coverage in the *Blue Banner*. Thanks to spectacular efforts from everyone involved – most of all our generous design team – I feel we have been able to provide that coverage.

As such, it is with great pride (and more than a little relief) that we present to you the special Memorial Cup Issue of the *Blue Banner*.

Truly, the Memorial Cup and the Banner seemed like a natural fit. After all, to many people, whether alumni or not, St. Mike's and hockey are synonymous. I include myself in this category, although hockey and I are far from synonymous. Truth be told, I didn't once step on the ice to play hockey during my time at St. Mike's. In fact I can barely skate!

But that's not to say that I didn't appreciate the value of hockey to the school or put in my time at the arena. Quite the contrary – I spent many a fine evening and more than a few glorious weekends working in the arena snack bar. Some of my fondest memories are from days spent there and of the people with whom those days were shared.

So it was with great joy that, while researching a story on the history of that fine building, I was treated to tales of the past by [Rob Tunney '81](#), long time arena manager and my former boss. Not only was seeing Mr. Tunney a pleasant trip down memory lane, it was a reaffirmation of something I have long believed and always held dear: when you are St. Mike's, you are St. Mike's for life.

That is why, over the months and years to come, my aim, the aim of this magazine, and the aim of everybody involved with the *Blue Banner* will be to get as many alumni as possible involved with the school, while ensuring that each one of you feels like the valued and cherished member of the St. Mike's community that you are. After all, we are every one of us double blue 'til we're through.

Gavin Davidson '93
Editor

We are every one of us double blue 'til we're through.

letters to the editor

Dear Joe,
I just wanted to congratulate you on the outstanding work reinvigorating the Blue Banner. I always read it cover to cover with great enthusiasm. I'm confident your editorial retirement will not lead you far from those yellow bricks! I look forward to future contributions.

Regards,

[Robert Lepone '87](#)

Editor: We all owe Joe a debt of gratitude and are looking forward to his continued contributions.

Dear Editor,
Let me begin by saying – “don't let [Joe Younder '56](#) get too far away.”

My initial connection with Joe goes back to the 1940's at St. Vincent de Paul Parish/School. He coached the CYO hockey team and the grade 7 baseball team which won the house league championship. We re-connected as students at St. Mike's in the 50's and later through the Alumni Association. Joe was the school liaison officer and a member of the Executive for many years. He was a nonstop dynamo who contributed greatly to the planning and execution of events, and was always the first to arrive and the last to leave. In recognition of Joe's efforts, I nominated him in 1983 for the Old Boy of the Year Award, unanimously passed by the Executive. I might add that the award, begun in 1959, was not given each year. In fact, I believe it was given out 11 times. I also believe Joe was the last to receive it. Names such as [Fr. Dave Bauer, C.S.B. '45](#) and [Joe Primeau '28](#), are on that trophy. (Where is it?)

Joe remains an important communication link for those of us from the “old days”. You might not agree with me but the decades from 1945-65 were probably the greatest and most memorable in the school's history.

Farewell Joe and thanks for your continued contribution. While I'm at it, don't let Dan Prendergast get away. Like Joe, he's an important tie that binds all things St. Michael.

[Harry Flood '57](#)

Editor: Don't worry Harry, we're not letting them get away.



The men behind the scenes...L-R: [Michael De Pellegrin '94](#), Director of Communications, [Joe Younder '56](#), Outgoing Editor, [Gavin Davidson '93](#), new *Blue Banner* Editor.

Dear Gavin,
Congratulations on your new position as Editor of the Blue Banner. I'm sure you will bring to the magazine some of the success you've had with communications strategy for election campaigns, global companies and charitable organizations. Like so many of our SMC brethren, you followed your business pursuits internationally, in your case going to Asia to run the PR campaign for a major new resort development. I'm glad to hear that upon completing that venture you brought your family back to T.O. and now you're bringing renewed focus to SMC.

I would like to give a big shout out to the class of '92, and props to all the crew that rolled through the yellow bricks in the late 80's and early 90's. Looking forward to future issues of the Blue Banner.

Best regards,

[Patrick Power '92](#)

Editor: Thanks Pat, cheque is in the mail!

the Order of St. Michael continues in its mission

Brian J. Wilson '72 - Chair, The Order of St. Michael Committee



The Order of St. Michael has grown from its humble beginnings and is a celebration of what St. Michael's College School is all about. This is embodied in the following précis of its mission statement:

The Order of St. Michael is the highest honour that St. Michael's College School can bestow on a member of its community. It is awarded to individuals who embody the Basilian Fathers' motto, "Teach Me Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge" through their contribution to the spiritual, academic or material welfare of the school and the greater community. A recipient should be a person of good character and one who lives the teachings of Jesus Christ - that we should love God and love our neighbour as ourselves. The members of the Order serve as models for both our students and for all of society.

It is time once again to honour several special people. The seventh induction ceremony for The Order of St. Michael will take place on Thursday, **April 26, 2012**, at the Liberty Grand Entertainment Complex. Should you know someone within the St. Michael's community whose character embodies these virtues, I encourage you to confidentially nominate that person by completing a nomination form from the school's website (under Our Community). All names will be held in the strictest of confidence, and will also be kept for future consideration as prospective nominees. Nominations must be received prior to October 31, 2011.

There are several sponsorship opportunities available to our community to help offset the cost of the 2012 induction ceremony:

- Basilian Fathers Attendance - \$5,000
- Past Inductees and Dignitaries Attendance - \$5,000
- Audio Visual - \$5,000
- Printing - \$2,500
- Entertainment - \$2,500
- Parking - \$2,000
- Photography - \$1,500
- Decoration - \$1,000

For more information on event sponsorship, please contact Stephanie Nicholls, Acting Director of Advancement, 416-653-3180 ext. 273 or nicholls@smcsmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2012 induction ceremony.

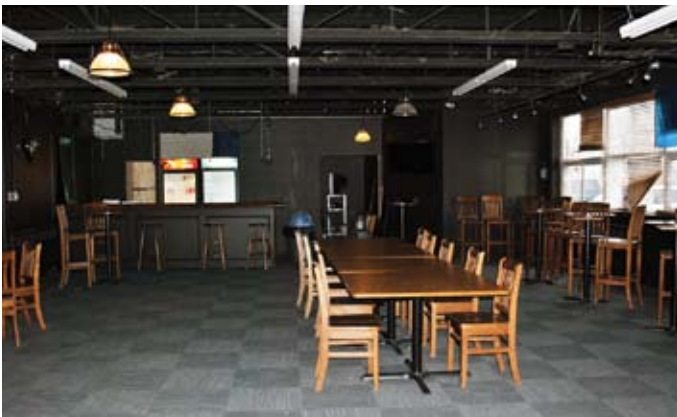


Eugene Melnyk '77 inducted into the Order by Fr. Redican, C.S.B. in 2008.

a home of our own

Rick Naranowicz '73 - Alumni Association Fundraising Committee

I am sure many of you have at some point glanced at or have been involved with the seemingly mysterious area adjacent to the arena. Once an industrial arts shop, now? ...well, now it is a special room, the Alumni Lounge – better known as the Old Boys Room, a place we soon can call our own, where all will have an opportunity to relax and socialize. The renovations that are underway will provide a meeting place that will warmly welcome alumni, current students, SMCS faculty and staff, along with friends and families of the SMCS community. After a period of creative discussions and the receipt of initial sponsorships, the room is now coming to fruition.



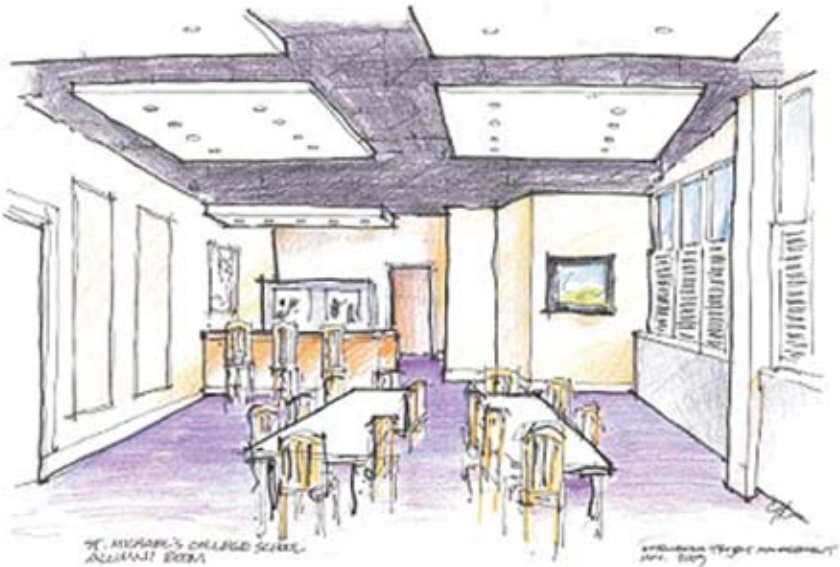
We have already purchased two new HD televisions, completed plumbing and electrical work in the bar area, installed new carpets and lighting, and made significant repairs to the walls, woodwork and ceilings. However, much work remains, including the installation of a stage, floating ceiling, furniture, new windows, AC units, as well as a fireplace insert and projection television.

Generating sponsorship is always a challenging task. The Alumni Association has currently raised \$19,875. With the goal being \$50,000, there is a ways to go. Cash donations are not the only means of assisting with the enhancement of the lounge. Gifts of couches, chairs, tables, room fixtures, etc. in appropriate condition are also required. Sponsorship levels to assist with the lounge renovations have been established as follows:

- \$2,500 Founders Club
- \$1,000 Old Boys
- \$500 - \$999 Fr. Henry Carr, C.S.B.
- \$250 - \$499 Fr. David Bauer, C.S.B.
- up to \$249 SMCS Alumni Supporter

For more information on sponsorship opportunities for this project, please contact Stephanie Nicholls, 416-653-3180 ext.273 or nicholls@smcsmail.com.

To book the lounge, please contact Steve Cline, 416-653-3180 ext.213 or cline@smcsmail.com.



a ‘dreamtheatre’ come true at St. Mike’s

By Vanessa Santilli
The Catholic Register

St. Michael’s College School has been putting on theatre productions for more than a century. Now, for the first time in its history, the school will be home to an actual theatre company.

Founded by the St. Michael’s College School alumni community, Dreamtheatre Productions will make its permanent home at the school’s new Centre for the Arts, which opened last April. The not-for-profit organization is directly connected to the school.

“I had a vision of bringing stage alumni back here to perform in this marvelous theatre,” said Martin Story, Artistic Director of Dreamtheatre Productions. “It’s an attempt to bring back stage alumni and have them re-establish an amateur career of sorts and get them on the stage.”



Story, a former Religion and English teacher at the midtown Toronto school, is also a community theatre veteran, staging and directing nearly 80 productions over the past four decades in the Toronto area.

“This is a rare and wonderful opportunity to nurture and engage in new work in a state-of-the-art performance hall,” said Story. “Dreamtheatre Productions will build on the rich performing arts heritage of St. Mike’s to promote original theatrical, musical and visual art.”

Story said the idea for the company came to him around the time of the opening of the Centre for the Arts. After producing and directing a variety show made up of stage alumni, both men and women, who had performed on the St. Mike’s stage before, he thought it would be a wonderful idea to help alumni reconnect with the school.

Fr. Joseph Redican, C.S.B., President of St. Michael’s College School, agrees Dreamtheatre Productions is a very positive development and a good addition to the activities at the school. Redican said he’s pleased that St. Mike’s theatre alumni are interested in being involved in the new theatre company.

“Many of the alumni who have been involved in theatre at the school went on to be professionals in the entertainment business, and I think being able to have them around will benefit the students,” said Redican. “They’ll put on productions that will be suitable for a Catholic high school, and provide the opportunity for students to see some fairly strong amateur, even professional level, theatre being performed.”

While the company is planning on starting small, Story hopes to build over time. And the shows don’t necessarily have to be theatre productions, he said.

“It might be a concert given by a St. Michael’s graduate who’s in the profession...It has a lot of possibilities.”

“It’s just one more way to use the new Centre for the Arts,” said Story. “But even more than that, to be able to inspire the spirit of people who have been with us for a very long time. This is another vehicle that is part of the vision of the school, so I’m very excited to be a part of that.”

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Toronto Cristo Rey initiative

In the fall of 2010, a group led by the Basilian Fathers of Toronto met to discuss the feasibility of opening a Cristo Rey High School in Toronto. The school is based on a very successful model from the United States and would be the first of its kind in Canada. A feasibility study is currently underway with a targeted completion date of July 2011. It is hoped that Toronto Cristo Rey will open its doors to grade 9 students in September 2012 in a centrally located and easily accessible facility. It will add one grade in each consecutive year until it has a full grade 9 -12 high school programme.

Toronto Cristo Rey will offer a high quality university preparatory Catholic education to students from low-income families. A central part of the curriculum is the work-study programme which prepares students for post-secondary education by teaching them the skills needed to function effectively in the corporate workplace. The work-study programme also pays for most of the cost of educating the students.



Frequently Asked Questions

Why a Cristo Rey High School in Toronto?

Since the first Cristo Rey High School was founded in Chicago by Fr. John Foley SJ in 1996, 24 high schools have been established across the United States. They have a proven capacity to help disadvantaged young people graduate from high school and go on to university. Toronto has thousands of young people who are falling through the cracks of publicly funded schools. A Cristo Rey High School will provide an opportunity for some of them to achieve their full potential and for our community to benefit from the skills these young people will develop.

Who will be able to attend Toronto Cristo Rey?

Any student who meets the entrance requirements and who is from a family that is measurably financially disadvantaged will be able to attend. The school will be a Catholic school under the sponsorship of Catholic religious orders; however, students of all faiths from within the boundaries of the City of Toronto will be able to attend.

Where does the school’s funding come from?

Much of the school’s funding comes from the Corporate Work-Study Programme. The school integrates classroom instruction with real-life work experience for each student by partnering with many of the finest businesses and corporations in the community. These partnerships allow the school to make a faith-based, student centered education available at an affordable cost.

Each student’s family is expected to pay a portion of tuition that is set based on the resources of that family. In addition, the school will have an active development program to raise additional operational and capital funds.

For more information, please contact Kimberley Bailey, Feasibility Study Director at baileyk@torontocristorey.com or 416-653-3180 ext. 118. Please visit the website www.torontocristorey.com.

Holy Name of Mary College School

FROM SMALL BEGINNINGS COME GREAT THINGS

After spending seven years as a guidance counselor at SMCS, and one year as project director for HNMCS, Mrs. Margaret DeCourcy opened Holy Name of Mary College School in 2008 as the first President and Principal. The *Blue Banner* interviewed her recently for an update.

How did HNMCS get started?

The St. Mike's parents were always asking me to suggest a school for their daughters, but a comparable private Catholic school for girls did not exist. When I discussed it with Fr. Redican, he had already been conducting research and soon after a steering committee was formed to establish the school.

Originally, we had difficulty finding a suitable facility. Fortunately, the Felician Sisters had a high school on a beautifully treed seven acre property that was becoming available, and the fit with the Sisters' educational philosophy and experience was perfect.

How is SMCS involved?

The school is modeled after St. Mike's – but developed for girls. We have a comprehensive academic programme with a strong liberal arts focus, a complete co curricular programme and strong emphasis on faith development. St. Mike's supported us logistically, operationally and financially at the beginning, and now primarily provides board guidance, teacher exchanges and student collaboration opportunities.

Is it easier to teach girls or boys?

Girls and boys learn differently. For instance, girls tend to be social learners and favor collaborative learning, and they are much more visual and hands-on. So we have tailored our teaching methods to suit the specific learning style of girls particularly for math, science and technology. This is the advantage of a single gender education in the formative years.

On a social level, it is beneficial to both boys and girls to interact in well structured activities and this is where collaboration between our two schools is an advantage.

Where do you see HNMCS going in the future?

Every year I am amazed at how much our school has grown in the number of students and the quality of the programmes we deliver. The school is building a strong reputation in the community.



While we don't quite have the 150 plus years of tradition to rely on, we do have the opportunity of creating new and enriching experiences for our students. In the future, I think our start up experience combined with St. Mike's solid tradition, will be a winning formula from which both schools will benefit.

What makes HNMCS special?

Academically we are very strong with approximately 75% of our students on the honor roll. While that alone is impressive, it is the collaborative, values focused learning, the positive support the girls provide to each other, and the confidence they develop which truly speaks of our success. The incredible dedication and commitment from students, teachers, staff and parents creates a wonderful learning environment – and the girls tell me so every day!

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WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU...

GOT A STORY TO TELL?

LOOKING TO CONTRIBUTE?

NEED TO RECONNECT WITH OLD CLASSMATES?

HAVE AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE TO SHARE?

WANT TO SET OUR EDITOR STRAIGHT?

JUST LOOKING TO RANT?

We want to hear what you have to say...

Drop us an email at bluebanner@smcsmail.com

from the archives

A COMMEMORATIVE STAMP FOR ST. MIKE’S?

In 2012, St. Michael’s will celebrate its 160th anniversary. To mark this occasion and to celebrate the many contributions of its alumni to Canada, the Archives is applying for a commemorative stamp to be issued by Canada Post. This is a highly competitive process with a very limited number of submissions accepted, so a strong claim is essential. A list of alumni with noteworthy achievements in arts, athletics, business, medicine, politics and society is being created. While many names from more recent times are already on this list, it lacks names of alumni from the Clover Hill days who accomplished great things. If you know the name of an alumnus who has achieved major recognition in his area of endeavour, please submit it to the Archives no later than early June using the contact information found inside the cover of this *Blue Banner*. The more information you can provide, the better. If you are unsure whether the candidate qualifies, submit his name and achievement anyway.



CURRENT DISPLAYS AND PROJECTS

The Archives and Museum remain dedicated to collecting, preserving and telling the St. Mike’s story through online and physical displays, on a daily basis and at special events. Memorabilia specifically celebrating the Memorial Cup golden anniversary is on display in the arena, while displays from the archives can be found in the Centre for the Arts and the soon to be completed Alumni Lounge. The Archives and Museum also continue to contribute to major events such as Homecoming, Remembrance Day and Turkey Roll.

Ongoing projects include collecting the published works of alumni and assembling a complete list of alumni Olympic participants. Contributions to both are greatly appreciated. Also, images continue to be uploaded to the St. Michael’s College School website, and the Archives gladly responds to specific requests from alumni, their families and researchers.

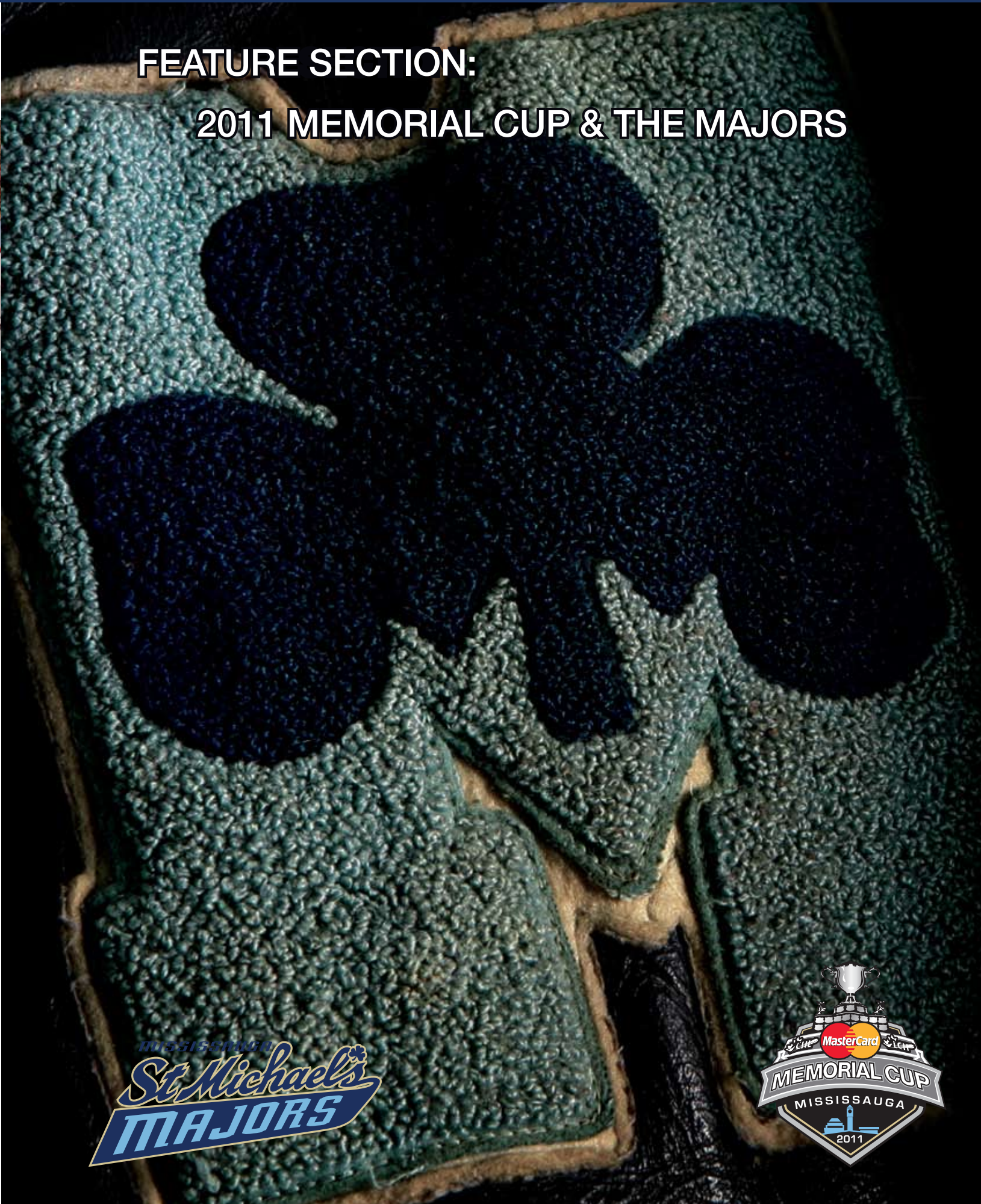
ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE ARCHIVES

Following the relocation of the Archives to the second floor of the arena during the summer of 2008, a Museum was created to exhibit selected artifacts from our growing collection. On display is everything from nineteenth century mark books and texts to the only example of St. Mike’s own millennium dinnerware. Also included are parts of Fr. Zinger’s C.S.B. vast photo collection from Room 12, sports uniforms, jackets and religious articles. While visiting the archives, researchers, whether current students, alumni or others are able to enjoy a tour of the museum. Alumni and guests are always welcome. Please call the Archives Department to make an appointment (416-653-3180 ext.457).

CALLING ALL ALUMNI FROM THE 1930’S AND 40’s!

The Archives is trying to reach older alumni from the 1930’s and 1940’s for oral history interviews. There is a great need to capture the memories of those who attended the College School during these decades. One of the main goals of this project is adding to our knowledge of alumni who served during World War II. This year the Archives were used by Fr. Redican’s C.S.B. history class for researching St. Mike’s alumni war dead. However, no record exists of the contributions of the hundreds of St. Mike’s alumni who served during the war and returned. Their recollections will form an important part of our oral history archives. Please contact the Archives if you are an alumnus from the 1930’s or 1940’s and especially if you are a war veteran or you know an alumnus who is.

FEATURE SECTION: 2011 MEMORIAL CUP & THE MAJORS





uncharted ice: hosting the Memorial Cup

Friday, May 20, 2011, represents a big day not just for the Mississauga St. Michael's Majors, but also for the Ontario Hockey League and indeed the entire Canadian Hockey League. At 7 p.m. the puck will drop at the first game of the 2011 MasterCard Memorial Cup at the Hershey Centre. Not only will this be the first time the Majors have hosted the tournament since returning to the OHL in 1996, it will be the first time since the Memorial Cup adopted the current format in 1974 that the championship tournament has been hosted in the Greater Toronto Area.

The Majors and the CHL are pulling out all the stops to ensure the tournament is a success in the country's largest hockey market. It's an event the Majors have been planning for a long time, according to Vice President of Marketing, Rick Radovski. "Moving into a bigger facility in 2006 we knew that we needed to make an impact not only in the league, but in the Mississauga community. Hosting the MasterCard Memorial Cup is an opportunity to continue our transformation from just a team playing out of the Hershey Centre into a community team where the people in Mississauga and Toronto want to go to games and be a part of things."

The chance to make a good impression in the notoriously fickle GTA hockey market was one of the reasons the CHL was so supportive of the Majors' bid to host the Memorial Cup, but not the only one. They were also impressed with the on-ice product the Majors have put together. "That was a major component to our bid – that we thought we would probably be the strongest team in the OHL," said Radovski. "It's a credit to our coaching staff and our scouts that we've managed to provide the league with a host that is going to be extremely competitive."

The St. Michael's Majors of course have always been known for putting together an excellent on-ice product. Hosting the Memorial Cup has provided the organization with the perfect opportunity to pay tribute to the teams and stars of the past. In recognition of that past, the theme of this year's Memorial Cup is 'Hockey, History, and Honour.'

"For us you can't mention the name St. Michael's without recognizing the rich history, tradition and the alumni that have come from that school and hockey programme. From day one we knew that was going to be a big component," said Radovski. "Obviously it is the 50th anniversary of the Majors 1961 Memorial Cup victory, so we have a big opening night ceremony where we're going to raise the 1961 Memorial Cup championship banner into the rafters of the Hershey Centre. We're also going to be recognizing the three other Memorial Cup winning teams, raising those banners, and retiring some additional Majors alumni jerseys."

Equally important to the organization is facilitating an opportunity for fans to experience the excitement of the Memorial Cup at events like the CHL Awards Banquet, to be held at the Living Arts Centre in Mississauga on the evening of Saturday, May 28. Earlier that same day, fans will have opportunities to interact with Majors alumni at the Hockey Ministries Championship Breakfast and an afternoon golf tournament at Lionhead Golf Club. "It's going to be a fantastic tournament," said Radovski. "We'll have alumni at various holes meeting with the golfers. It's going to be one of those events you just don't want to miss."

Fans will also be able to interact with Majors alumni at the Fan Fest program, which will be running at the Memorial Cup Village throughout the tournament. "Entrance to the Village is free for everyone," said Radovski. "That's where we want to make a significant impact on the community, while making sure people from the city and surrounding areas come down for the day to take part and walk away with some great memories of the Memorial Cup."

Of course, planning and executing an event the scale of the MasterCard Memorial Cup can't be done without the aid of an army of willing helpers. Aside from the many front office employees that have been dedicated to making this event a success, the Majors expect to utilize close to 800 volunteers over the course of the tournament.

Organizing and training so many volunteers has proved to be a huge undertaking in itself, according to Radovski. "It's been a demanding job and not an easy one at that, but that is part of the fun of hosting this event," he said. "We're not sure how many events get those kinds of numbers in terms of volunteerism so we're really proud of that and we're proud of the people who've stepped up to volunteer their time."

The excellent response from the volunteers provides confirmation that the Majors have done an admirable job of connecting with the local community; something Rick says was one of their main goals. "Our season ticket base has grown, our corporate sponsorship base has grown and we've received a lot of media exposure in Mississauga, Toronto and surrounding areas," he said. "It's putting us on the map and that's part of the plan."

SMCS GALA COCKTAIL RECEPTION

On Saturday, May 21, at 7:00 p.m. the Basilian Fathers of St. Michael's College School will be hosting a Gala Cocktail Reception in the historic SMCS Arena to celebrate our winning Memorial Cup teams of 1934, 1945, 1947 and 1961 along with our Hockey Hall of Famers. Come join our hockey alumni as they celebrate: [Dave Keon '60](#), [Dick Duff '55](#), [Dave Dryden '61](#), [Rod Seiling '62](#), [Tom Polanic '62](#), [Larry Keenan '61](#), [Dave Draper '60](#), [Sonny Osborne '61](#), [Andre Champagne '62](#), [Arnie Brown '61](#), [Bill MacMillan '62](#), [Terry O'Malley '60](#), [Paul Conlin '62](#), [Terry Clancy '61](#), [Jim Holleran '50](#), [Jim Gregory '55](#) and many more! Tickets are available through the school website - www.stmichaelscollegeschool.com (under News).

MEMORIAL CUP SCHEDULE OF GAMES

2011 MasterCard Memorial Cup Schedule (All times are Eastern and are subject to change):

Round-Robin Game 1 – QMJHL vs. Majors on Friday May 20, 2011 at 7:00 pm

Round-Robin Game 2 – OHL vs. WHL on Saturday May 21, 2011 at 2:00 pm

Round-Robin Game 3 – Majors vs. WHL on Sunday May 22, 2011 at 2:00 pm

Round-Robin Game 4 – OHL vs. QMJHL on Monday May 23, 2011 at 7:00 pm

Round-Robin Game 5 – WHL vs. QMJHL on Tuesday May 24, 2011 at 7:00 pm

Round-Robin Game 6 – Majors vs. OHL on Wednesday May 25, 2011 at 7:00 pm

Tie-Breaker (if necessary) – Thursday May 26, 2011 at 7:00 pm

Semi-Final – Friday May 27, 2011 at 7:00 pm

Championship Final – Sunday May 29, 2011 at 7:00 pm

“we’ve won it four times”

Fans of Liverpool Football Club have a famous chant about the team’s success at the European Championship – “We’ve won it five times.” With a little luck, and a lot of hard work, fans of the Mississauga St. Michael’s Majors will be chanting the same thing at the conclusion of this year’s Memorial Cup.

As it stands, the Majors have been stuck on four championships for some time, with the first coming in 1934 and the last coming in 1961 (the year St. Mike’s withdrew from Junior hockey, feeling the rigors of the season to be incompatible with academic success). In anticipation of the hosts of this year’s MasterCard Memorial Cup adding to that total, it is only fitting to take a look back at the Majors championship teams of the past.

1934 CHAMPIONS – THE FIRST TIME IS ALWAYS THE SWEETEST

According to the 1961 St. Michael’s Hockey Yearbook, this edition of the Majors “was a team of individual stars, and at the same time, a unit well-knit together by a coach who drove his charges at top speed unceasingly.” Featured in the team were the likes of **Bobby Bauer '33, Reg Hamilton '34, Art Jackson '35, Regis (Pip) Kelly '34, Nick Metz '34, Don Wilson '34, Mickey Drouillard '34, Jack Hamilton '35,** and goaltender **Harvey Teno '35.**

The coach was Dr. W.J. (Jerry) LaFlamme, a dentist with quite the hockey history. After playing defence on the Allan Cup-winning team from St. Mike’s in 1909-10 and captaining the 1916-17 Dentals of Toronto to another Allan Cup championship, LaFlamme went on to referee in the NHL in the 1920’s before returning to coach at his alma mater. As told in the 1934 edition of *The Thurible* (as the St. Mike’s yearbook was known), “confronted with the task of building a squad of truly great stars in the hockey world into a team which worked with machine-like precision was difficult, and that (LaFlamme) succeeded there is no doubt.”

The best-of-three Memorial Cup final opened April 3 at the Amphitheatre on Whitehall Avenue in Winnipeg. St. Mike’s had arrived at the arena by virtue of convincing playoff victories over the Ottawa Shamrocks (17-5 aggregate over two games) and the Charlottetown Abegweits (19-4 on aggregate). Their opponents in the finals were the Edmonton Athletic Club, led by Dan Carrigan and the MacNeil brothers.

By all accounts, St. Mike’s impressed the crowds in practice, but interestingly they did not travel with a back-up goalie. So they invited ‘Turk’ Broda to guard the other cage. After being shelled from all sides, Broda picked the Majors to take the championship in two games. When St. Mike’s cruised to a 5-0 victory in game one, courtesy of three power play goals, Broda seemed prescient. His fortune telling abilities were soon confirmed.

More than 4,500 fans showed up for game two on April 5, and what a game they saw. It ended with St. Mike’s winning its first Memorial Cup championship, thanks to a 6-4 victory, but it wasn’t decided until after 20 minutes of overtime, the final goal sealing the deal with less than a minute left on the clock.



1934 Champions

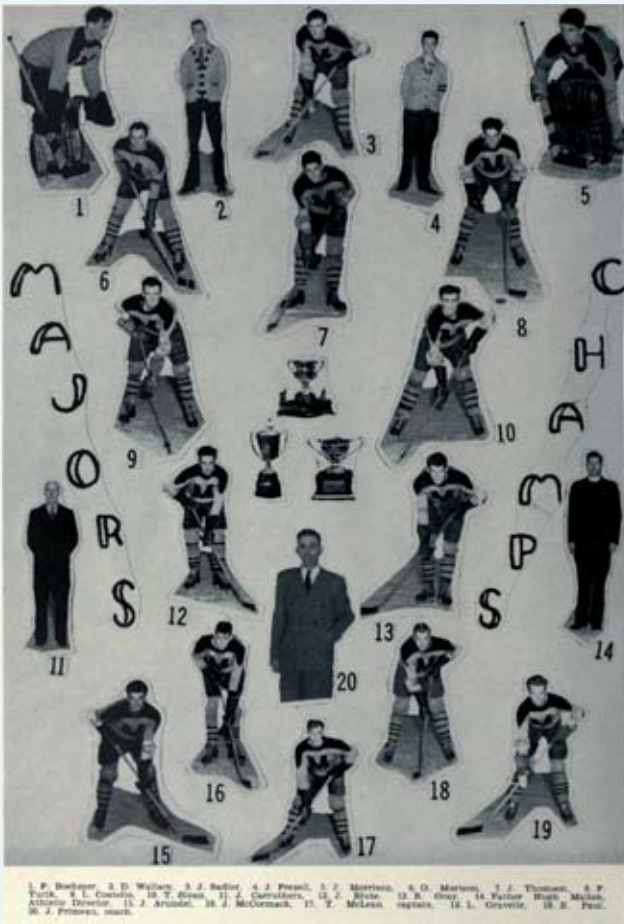
1945 CHAMPIONS – 65,000 WATCH ST. MIKE’S BRING HOME THE CUP

This best-of-seven Memorial Cup final, which was played in its entirety at Maple Leaf Gardens, was highlighted by a battle of NHL veterans behind the bench. **Joe Primeau '28**, a member of the Kid Line that had sparked the Maple Leafs to the 1932 Stanley Cup title, was at the helm of the Toronto St. Michael’s Majors, while Roy Bentley, one of the famed brothers from Delisle, Saskatchewan, worked the bench for the Moose Jaw Canucks.

St. Mike’s had made it to the final by bumping off the Montreal Royals in six games in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference final, winning the sixth game in front of more than 10,000 fans at Maple Leaf Gardens. But victory over the Canucks was less certain, with the team from Moose Jaw looking to bring the Memorial Cup back to Saskatchewan for the first time since 1930.

The Majors got off to a good start, beating the Canucks by an 8-5 count in game one on April 14. Moose Jaw turned the tables two days later, evening the series with a 5-3 victory, but it was to be their last. As the series progressed, the Majors’ confidence grew. They took game three comfortably by a 6-3 score on April 18 and then took a 3-1 series lead on April 22, with a 4-3 victory achieved after coming from 2-0 behind.

The very next night, St. Mike’s wrapped up its second Memorial Cup championship with a convincing 7-2 victory. According to an account in the 1945 edition of *The Thurible*, “the St. Michael’s squad was never stronger as they outskated and out-foxed even the wily Cancuks in ringing down the curtain on one of the most brilliant seasons of competition by any St. Michael’s team.”



1945 Champions

1947 CHAMPIONS – SHOWERED WITH BOTTLES, SHOWERING WITH CHAMPAGNE

Just two years after their last tilt in the Memorial Cup finals, the St. Mike’s Majors and Moose Jaw Canucks met again in a best of seven series, this time in the West, with games held in Winnipeg, Moose Jaw, and Regina. Joe Primeau was still coaching St. Mike’s, but the Canucks had turned the reins over to former Regina Pats star Ken Doraty. However, a different coach did nothing to avoid the same result as the Majors, dubbed “the greatest team in the history of Memorial Cup competition” in the 1961 St. Michael’s Hockey Yearbook, were just too strong.

The Winnipeg Leader Post stated the 1946-47 Majors “did everything like professionals,” calling them “the junior team to end all junior teams.” St. Mike’s hammered the Canucks 12-3 in the opener, held in Winnipeg on April 15. Team captain **Ed Sandford '46** had five goals and his line-mate **Les Costello '46** (of Toronto Maple Leafs and Flying Fathers fame) added three more. According to one post match report, St. Mike’s “passed the disc around like a hot biscuit.” Or, as it was put in the 1947 edition of *The Thurible*, “there had been nothing for the Canucks to do but shrug their shoulders in resignation to their fate and look on in awe and admiration.”



1947 Champions

The teams then headed for Moose Jaw for game two, but only the site was different, as the Majors romped to a 6-1 victory and 2-0 series lead. Game three, played in Regina's Queen City Gardens in front of 5,959 fans, was started, but never finished. St. Mike's was awarded an 8-1 victory after the game was halted with six minutes and 55 seconds left in the third period on account of bottle-throwing fans. This time it was **Ed Harrison '46** with three goals, taking his series total to seven.

With the bottle throwing incident overshadowing St. Mike's total domination of the series, only 2,186 fans showed up three nights later in Regina to witness the Majors complete the series sweep with a 3-2 victory, the winning goal coming from none other than Ed Sandford. After the game, according to an account in *The Thurable*, "Joe Primeau threw back his shoulders and smiled benevolently. 'The boys,' he reported in a fit of justified excitement, 'were hot tonight!'. "

1961 CHAMPIONS – THE ALL-TIME CHAMPIONS

The Toronto St. Michael's Majors' last Memorial Cup championship came in 1961, a year in which they reached the finals for the first time in 14 years. Coached by hockey legend **Fr. David Bauer C.S.B. '45** and Bob Goldham, the Majors were led on the ice by captain **Terry O'Malley '61** and **Barry MacKenzie '62**, two players who would become household names with the Canadian national team. The legendary Fr. Bauer, C.S.B. stated that "the 1960-61 edition of the Majors is the greatest group of boys, taken as a team that I have encountered in my life...on the basis of its will to succeed in spite of almost insurmountable obstacles."

The Majors swept the Moncton Beavers in the best-of-five Eastern Final, setting up a showdown with the Western champion Edmonton Oil Kings in hostile territory in Alberta. Under coach Buster Brayshaw, the Oil Kings had won 16 of 19 playoff games that season, dispatching Lethbridge, Trail, Regina, and Winnipeg with relative ease. St. Mike's was obviously not intimidated by this impressive record as they rolled to a 4-0 victory in game one at the Edmonton Gardens on April 25.

Majors' goalie **Gerry Cheevers '60** stopped 17 shots for the shutout in front of 6,674 disappointed fans. By all accounts the score would have been much more lopsided if not for the heroics of Paul Sexsmith in the Edmonton net. Unfortunately for Edmonton, Sexsmith did not receive much help in game two either, as the Majors rolled to a 4-1 victory in front of 6,112 fans. Two goals came courtesy of **Terry Clancy '61**, son of King Clancy. Meanwhile, Cheevers' shutout streak was finally snapped at 13:25 of the third period, after more than 113 minutes.

On April 29, before 6,500 fans, St. Mike's pushed the Oil Kings to the brink, with a 4-2 victory. The seemingly insurmountable 3-0 series lead had been achieved without top player **Sonny Osborne '61**, a University of Toronto student who was back in Toronto writing exams. The Majors could have used Osborne as Edmonton started the long climb back with a 5-4 victory in front of 4,864 fans on May 1. Cheevers made 27 stops in the loss, but this duel went to Sexsmith, who backstopped the Oil Kings to victory with 32 saves.

The Oil Kings continued along the comeback trail on May 3, winning 4-2 before 6,114 fans. The 20-year-old Winnipeg native Sexsmith was superb in the victory, almost doubling Cheevers in saves – 36 to 19. Valiant as it was, the comeback ended on May 5, when St. Mike's and Cheevers reasserted their superiority with a 4-2 victory in which the Majors' goalie made a series of incredible stops. According to Fr. Bauer C.S.B., Edmonton goalie Sexsmith "actually defeated his own team in the final game. His remarks about Gerry Cheevers, which fired him up to his peak performance contributed to the remarkable performance given by our young star."

that wonderful year of 1961

Paul Carson '61

On November 26, 2010 I attended my 50th reunion at the Annual Turkey Roll. A lot has changed over the years. I write the following from memory on the eve of the St. Michael's Majors hosting the Memorial Cup. It was my grad year that they last won it and what a year it was. The 1960-61 hockey season was very special at St. Michael's. In the fall, the new arena opened, culminating many years of planning, hoping and fundraising. The opening night celebrations were a sell-out, featuring a special Alumni Game with the Majors against a once-in-a-lifetime team comprised of St. Michael's alumni: **Fleming Mackell '47**, **Tod Sloan '44**, **Fr. Les Costello '46**, **Red Kelly '47**, **Dick Duff '54**, **Ted Lindsay '44** and **Frank Mahovlich '57** were a few of the greats present. The guest referees were King Clancy and Maurice "Rocket" Richard, who had just retired from the Montreal Canadiens. I was permitted to be part of the penalty box crew for the game, and spent a truly fascinating evening listening to the various players tell their St. Michael stories.



The Majors, coached by the legendary **Fr. David Bauer, C.S.B. '45**, played only a handful of regular season games on their new "home ice". Most were at Maple Leaf Gardens on Sunday afternoons. However, the reality of having our team play in our rink did wonders for school spirit. Some members of that team that I remember were, **Brian Walsh '61**, **Arnie Brown '61**, **Larry Keenan '61**, **Dave Draper '61**, **Barry MacKenzie '62**, **Andre Champagne '62**, **Gerry Cheevers '60**, **Terry O'Malley '61**, **Bruce Draper '60**, **Dave Dryden '61** and a young **Jim Gregory '54** the Assistant Manager and Assistant Coach.

The other team that attracted sizeable crowds to the new arena was the OHA Champion Junior 'B' Buzzers, coached by **Fr. Bill Conway, C.S.B. '44**. **Jim McKendry '61**, **Ray Dupont '61**, **Mike Savage '61**, **Wally (Skip) Stanowski '61**, **Peter Spyer '61**, **Billy Crawford '61**, **Gary Dineen '62**, **Tom Polanic '62**, **Rod Seiling '62**, **Gary Smith '61** and **Bill Reddall '54**, the Assistant Coach and former Buzzers player, are names that come to mind. It was a storybook year for them too. Virtually the entire team graduated to the Jr. 'A' ranks and probably half of the roster made it to the NHL or other professional leagues. Fr. Conway C.S.B. promoted me to Assistant Manager for the last playoff game in Owen Sound and that celebratory bus ride is one of my lasting memories of my time at St. Michael's.

However, the main focus was on the Majors and their successful quest for the Memorial Cup. By good fortune, I had been assigned to Fr. Bauer's C.S.B., grade 13 Religion class. Starting in mid-February or so, a part of each class was taken with a discussion of the Majors. Hockey, during Memorial Cup time, became our religion. It was the last season for the Majors in the traditional OHA league system. Fr. Bauer, C.S.B. went on to create his new model for Canada's national team, featuring some of his Memorial Cup players. Although we didn't know it at the time, it was also the last season for Fr. Conway C.S.B., as he died unexpectedly at the end of the summer of 1961, bringing a sad conclusion to what had been a memorable and in many ways magical year.

the double blue interview:

In recognition of the upcoming MasterCard Memorial Cup championship to be hosted by the Mississauga St. Michael's Majors from May 19 to 29, we treat you to a Double Blue interview as we chat with Majors' Head Coach / General Manager Dave Cameron and Assistant Coach / Assistant GM, and former St. Mike's student, James Boyd '94.

IN CONVERSATION WITH DAVE CAMERON

INTERVIEW WITH DAVE CAMERON

Forty games over .500 this year - is this the best Major's team you have ever coached?

I've had some pretty good teams. I'd say stat wise, in terms of consistency from start to finish, I'd have to say yes. But the team I had my second year was a real good team too.

You finished the season on a ten game winning streak, which was quite an accomplishment considering you had already wrapped up first place. Any worries about burnout?

No, because we have the most guys that can play. Depth is one of our strengths. I don't think any team carries four lines and six 'd' like we do.

You finished first overall; you're favoured to win the OHL crown and guaranteed entry into the Memorial Cup. An unprecedented treble is within your grasp. What are your thoughts about that?

Well, it's a challenge and if you look at the big picture you get ahead of yourself. We're just slowing everything down. We know we're in a great league. We're in a playoff situation now where everything is a four-out-of-seven, so there are no surprises. It's about imposing your will, and we're just looking at it a day at a time to get better and a series at a time.

Even though you took on another challenging role with Team Canada again this year, the Majors didn't seem to miss a beat. To what do you attribute that consistency?

James Boyd, Jim Cassidy and the great scouting staff that give me real good players.

Marc Cantin has just signed a deal with the Boston Bruins and a number of former Majors including Cameron Gaunce have played in the NHL this year. How do you balance team success with individual player development?

We've had lots of guys that have signed. It's all about a win-win. You tell the players that if they play a certain style it will give them the best chance to go pro and also if every player brings that style to our team, we'll be a pretty good team, so it's a win-win.

Another balance you need to strive for is between academics and athletics. How do you find the proper balance to ensure the players are sufficiently well-rounded and developed in all areas?

It's a piece of cake in our league because there's no travel. So if you come into Mississauga, or when I was in Toronto, as a good student there's absolutely no reason you shouldn't remain a good student. We only miss something like six school days a year with our travel. The bulk of our games are within two hours and that said, with the road trips we're on, most of the time we can be home in our own beds by midnight. So there's absolutely no excuse not to do well academically.

This is your second stint with the team. The first was playing out of the barn at St. Mike's. What are your memories of that experience?

Terrific. Terrific building. We had good success there, so there's real fond memories.

In your view, does the franchise's continued association with St. Mike's add value to the team?

It's really hard to do so. The biggest thing I miss from moving from the barn to Mississauga is that we lost a lot of our connection with St. Mike's. Just simply because it's too far for the kids to travel with the traffic and our afternoon practices. My biggest disappointment with the move is that we've kind of lost touch with the kids actually being able to go to St. Mike's. I thought a big part of our success in Toronto was the fact our kids went to St. Mike's. There's great structure there, great support in place and terrific teachers. The school we have in Mississauga, Philip Pocock, is an excellent school. We get the same support, but I really regret not being able to get the kids into St. Mike's.

Eugene Melnyk '77 is on record saying how highly he thinks of you. What are your thoughts of him as an owner?

All good things start at the top. And in the coaching profession, the most important element, the biggest chance you have for success, is who you work for. Everything starts at the top and the only mandate Eugene has ever given me was to make this a program that every kid in Ontario wants to come to. When we moved here to Mississauga, he basically told me to make this facility here in terms of our dressing room, our weight room, our video room, a replica of what they have in Ottawa. We have a terrific facility here and it's really helped us to recruit. Even though we have a draft, we still have to talk kids into coming here because they have options. It eliminates a lot of excuses when you have an owner like that.



Eugene Melnyk has also come out recently with a very strong position on concussions and hits to the head in the NHL. Do you think there is a similar problem with hits to the head in the OHL?

Any time there is a concussion you have to look at the individual case. There's not a hockey guy alive whether it's in the NHL, the OHL or minor hockey that doesn't want the deliberate head shots taken out of the game. And if you don't, then you shouldn't be coaching. With the speed in the game, there are going to be some injuries in this game where there isn't intent. Some of the onus, and some of the cause, is on the guy who gets concussed - whether he leans forward or turns his back. So there's a real grey area there and that's what we're trying to improve on. We're trying to make sure that if there is a concussion now, it's just one of those freak things that happens.

While we're on the topic of the NHL, do you see yourself working in that league one day?

I never think about that. I do my job here day to day. I focus day to day. I think I'm like everybody else in hockey, whether a player or a coach, in that you aspire to get there. But I think the best way to get there is to take care of the day to day operations with your club and hopefully the door will open.

Finally, I know there's nothing to gain by you making predictions about the playoffs and Memorial Cup championships, so I'll settle for your thoughts on what you think the future holds for the Majors.

Well we have a good team and if we play a certain way, we're a really competitive team. If we play a certain way and get good goaltending and stay healthy, it will take a good team to beat us, four-out-of-seven.

IN CONVERSATION WITH JAMES BOYD

With no current St. Michael’s students on the roster, you’re really one of the team’s main links with the school these days. Is that a role you value and enjoy?

Yes, for sure. In junior hockey, since they phased out the OAC year, when you have an older team the majority of your team are university and college students. So we only have three high school students this year. But we still have **Joseph Cramarossa '10**, who’s at U of T and he keeps us in touch with what’s going on at St. Mike’s.

Can you tell us a little bit about your time at St. Mike’s?

Well I was only at St. Mike’s for one year. I was there for grade 11 and then I was drafted to the OHL. At the time there was no team at St. Mike’s. I played for the Buzzers in grade 11. That’s how I ended up at St. Mike’s and then I was drafted by the Kitchener Rangers and I made the team there. I played in the OHL for the next three years.

How long have you been with the Majors?

This is my sixth year.

So when you joined the team, they were playing out of St. Mike’s Arena. What are some of your memories from that time?

Well, I loved the rink. I have nothing but fond memories about the rink. There are not enough of those types of rinks left. A lot of the rinks being built now are kind of homogenized and the fans are so far removed from the playing surface. Some of my fondest memories are playoff games at St. Mike’s, where it seems like the fans are right on top of you, especially behind the benches. It’s a pretty special atmosphere. And to anyone who says the ice surface wasn’t up to snuff you could point to the wall and say there’s a whole lot of excellent hockey players who didn’t have a problem.

In your view, does the franchise’s continued association with St. Mike’s add value to the team?

Yes, definitely. There are a lot of excellent hockey players in the city who go to school at St. Mike’s and we share the same philosophy with the school – the structured lifestyle and education before hockey. So I think we are always going to have St. Mike’s students coming into the program and we would like to keep that link alive.

How has the fan support been in Mississauga?

It’s been improving, but it’s still not where we want it to be. But we’ve made some strides in terms of developing a season ticket base. There have been a couple of sellouts this year, which was previously unheard of here, but we still have our days with 3,000 fans. So it’s a start.

How would you describe Eugene Melnyk, obviously a well-known St. Mike’s alumnus, as an owner?

He’s great. He gives us everything we need to succeed. He’s extremely generous with us and he really wants to see these kids succeed in their dreams – to move on and have a successful life. Without Eugene there wouldn’t be a team here, so we really owe everything to him. He’s our biggest fan as well.

We were out for dinner with him the other night because he wanted to take the guys out before the playoffs. He knows all the players; he knows all the teams in the league, and he watches every game. You can tell when he talks about it that he’s very passionate.

In terms of your position with the Majors, what are your responsibilities in the dual role of Assistant GM and Assistant Coach?

Well, we kind of coach by committee. Everyone does a little bit of everything. We’re involved in scouting both minor

midget and within our own league. We scout other teams for systems and trades. That takes up the bulk of our time. It’s just about getting to know the league and staying on top of who each and every player is and how they’re developing.

Then of course there’s managing the day to day operations of our team - the physical fitness aspect, the education component, the player development component, the billeting component. And then we have community initiatives with players out in schools, visiting hospitals and doing things of that nature. So it can get to be pretty busy around here. We go with an all hands on deck approach.

Dave of course has been missing Christmases for the World Juniors the past few years, so we even have a Director of Player Personnel, Jim Cassidy, who’s been jumping behind the bench. Whatever needs to be done, we’ve got guys who will do it.

What have been some of the highlights of your time with the team?

Well I think we’ve had a couple of decent playoff runs, and we’ve had a number of players from here who have debuted in the National Hockey League over the past few years. We’ve had a bunch of players who have graduated to the CIS and are playing, and doing extremely well, in that league. So I think we have a number of quality players that have come out of our program in the last few years, and we’re really proud to follow them as they move on, wherever they may be.

Obviously you have a great team this year and are poised for continued success, but what has been the biggest challenge this season?

Probably the biggest challenge is the length of the season. We started quick out of the gate and we’ve been in first place the entire season. Making a consistent effort to keep your foot on the gas is essential. We locked up first overall in the league with ten games remaining. We managed to win all ten games, which is a tremendous accomplishment. The later games in the season when you have your playoff spot solidified, can sometimes go a little wonky.

We’ve still got a long way to go and we’re very conscious of managing energy levels. We’ve got players who have played in the World Juniors and by the time it is all said and done, they will have played close to, or over, one hundred games. We’ve got to be very cognizant of the length of the season and our energy level.

That leads directly to the next question, which is: What do you do to avoid player burnout with such an intense season and so many off-ice activities followed by OHL playoffs and then culminating with the Memorial Cup?

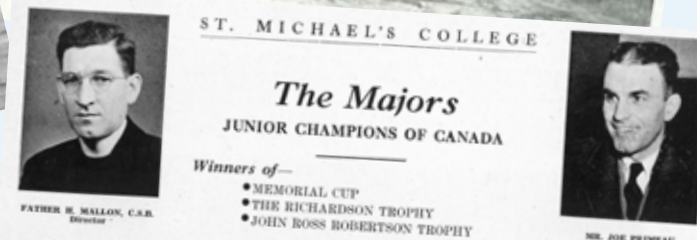
The main thing with our team is that we really have a culture of physical fitness. When the players show up in September they are in tremendous physical condition, so that allows us to cut our practice time down quite a bit. We don’t have to spend an awful lot of time getting guys into shape. It’s more performing a maintenance role. Some days we won’t practice more than thirty or forty minutes. We keep very close tabs about how much time we’re on the ice and are very careful not to waste any energy.

What are you most looking forward to about the Memorial Cup?

Even though we’ve been asked a million questions about the Memorial Cup, we really haven’t thought too much about it. We have a great business team taking care of the off-ice stuff, but we’ve been so focused on the OHL playoffs that we haven’t thought about the Memorial Cup.

But I know that for a lot of coaches it’s a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and I know of many excellent coaches who have never had the opportunity to participate in the Memorial Cup.

When it arrives it will be very exciting and I think it will be a great experience for all involved.



Rossetti '06 hangs 'em up

Guelph Gryphons' starting outside linebacker, Matthew Rossetti, hung up his cleats for the last time in October 2010. His academic, athletic and community achievements were recognized on March 11, 2011, when he received the University of Guelph's Ted Wildman Trophy.

The trophy is awarded annually to the senior football player who most exemplifies true sportsmanship, leadership, gentlemanly conduct and good scholarship. The trophy was donated in 1932, in memory of the late Ted Wildman. The criteria reflect the qualities he exhibited.

Rossetti unquestionably embodies these qualities, which he developed at St. Michael's. In addition to being an honour roll student and member of the football team he was involved in the peer outreach program, social justice and was a prefect. "I knew I was not there just for an education," said Rossetti.

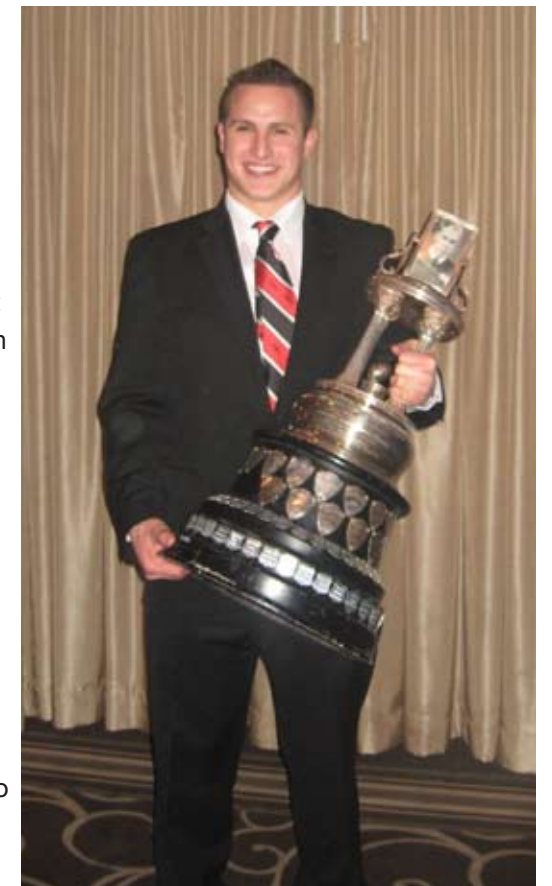
As a prefect, he became close to Fr. Fulton, C.S.B., who ran the programme. For him, Fr. Fulton C.S.B. set a standard of discipline and knowledge, and his values rubbed off on Rossetti. Fr. Fulton C.S.B. encouraged him to give back to the community and he has continued this in university, where he is an academic mentor and helps run the health programme.

St. Michael's also gave him a great base to succeed athletically. In 2004, St. Michael's football team was undefeated and won the Metro Bowl. "I had some of the best coaches in Ontario and athletically they prepared me to play at the next level," said Rossetti. He was in grade 11 and had just started playing for the senior team where he developed close friendships. "It was awesome because it was accomplished as a team," he said.

His final year with the Guelph Gryphons was a successful year for him statistically. The team made the playoffs, but the starting quarterback, his brother, [Chris Rossetti '08](#), was injured in the first round and the team did not progress.

For Rossetti, winning the Ted Wildman Trophy is bittersweet. "The season had already ended, but I was proud of what I accomplished," he said.

The trophy marks the end of his football career as he focuses on law school in September. He has already been accepted to the University of Windsor. He will continue to toss around the ball and cheer on his brothers Chris and current student, [David Rossetti '11](#).



where are they now

1960's

Len Crispino '68 is currently President & CEO of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce. Over his professional career, Len spent time as Ontario's Chief Representative to Italy in the early 90's and subsequently as Assistant Deputy Minister for International Trade. He and his wife, Marisa, also own and operate a boutique premium winery in Vineland, Ontario, The Foreign Affair Winery. It is the only North American winery producing all of its wines in the "amarone" style.



Geoff Dawe '69, Aurora's newly elected Mayor writes that he, his wife Henny, and three daughters have lived in Aurora for 33 years. As an active member of the community, Geoff co-chaired the very successful Grow Your Mind fundraising campaign for the new library, served on the Library Board for seven years, four as Chair; and later was on the Board of Directors for the Aurora Chamber of Commerce for eight years, culminating in its presidency. He has also been active in Scouts Canada, both as a Cub and Scout Leader, and Coach and sponsor of a variety of Aurora Youth Soccer teams. A member of town committees, including the Business Development Committee, and the Economic Development Committee, he also served as the Aurora Business Ambassador. Geoff started his business in 1986, and together with his business partner, grew it to become a successful international consulting firm, working with Fortune 100 clients, such as Kraft Foods, Post Foods, Ralston Foods, and S.C. Johnson to improve efficiency and eliminate waste.

1970's

Robert Grossi '72 went to Brock University and graduated with a degree in Politics and Psychology in 1975. He worked with McDonald's Restaurants for two years in their management program and graduated at the top of his class at "Hamburger U". Along the way he was employed at a glass company where his claim to fame was selling all the mirror and glass to Birks Jewellers for their flagship store at the Eaton Centre when it was being built. He then joined RJR-MacDonald as a salesman before moving into his family income tax business. From there he worked with his brother **Paul '69**, former Alumni President, in his CA firm. "I guess I couldn't keep a job for long in one place!" He entered politics in Georgina Township as a local councillor in 1991 after being elected on his first try. He ran for Mayor, and again, on his first attempt, was elected in 1994. Three years later, he was re-elected. In 2000 he was defeated by 32 votes, and "was lucky to get a job within months with Big Brothers of York Region," where he served for two years before re-entering the political arena in 2003. His good work ethic and engaging personality paid off, as he won the Office of Mayor in 2003, 2006 and again in 2010. Currently, he is the longest-serving Mayor in the history of Georgina Township. Rob still loves his job and sees each day as a different challenge. "I guess **Joe Younder '56** was right when he said many years ago that I was having trouble focusing on one issue at a time. I owe a lot to the lessons I learned at St. Mike's and to people like **Barry McDermott '60**, Jim and Mike Coghlan as well as the Basilian Fathers, Fr. Zinger C.S.B., Fr. Mulcahy C.S.B. and **John Egsgard '44**. Rob has resided in Keswick since 1989, with his wife Carolyn, and their daughters, Jaclyn and Madelyn. Previously, Rob was the driving force on the Alumni Executive and later served as its President.



1980's

James A. Fantin '84 studied Computer Science at Ryerson before graduating in International Relations from Seneca College. After landing a sought-after job at the third largest lumber trading company in North America, James began to develop his passion for films into an avocation. Two years later, he decided to turn his avocation into his vocation and so began his journey into the wild and woolly world of Hollywood. James managed to parlay his previous experiences volunteering in film into his first full-time paid gig in 1992 on the now infamous "Kung-Fu: The Legend Continues" starring David Carradine. In 1994, wanting to broaden his horizons, James made the decision to join the burgeoning film industry in Vancouver, British Columbia. Instantly falling in love with the majestic mountains and incredible beaches just minutes from where he lived, James decided to make Vancouver his permanent home. He continues to work in the film industry, on shows such as "Smallville" and "Stargate Atlantis", where he was also fortunate to meet Madison, the love of his life, whom he wed in 2007 in Siena, Italy. James is a successful stock trader and a foster parent to children in Tanzania. He relishes watching movies and enjoys taking advantage of the stunning outdoor adventures that British Columbia has to offer.

Andrew Paul Williams '84 graduated in Civil Engineering in 1989 from Waterloo University. He did Co-op work at IBM Canada Ltd., and after graduation went to work for their networks division. He was an integral part of their internet team that designed, maintained and operated the IBM internal and external backbone network. In 1994 he decided on a career change and moved to Jamaica, to take over the family business started by his great grandfather in 1913. The business included a sugar cane farm, a hardware store, a supermarket, a polyethylene manufacturing plant, a subdivision development company, an off-track betting shop, a lottery outlet, an automotive parts and repair shop and a snack counter.

Andrew has been a volunteer with Rotary International for the past 11 years and past president of a Jamaican club. In 2004 he and a fellow Rotarian started a FM Reggae Radio Station - www.linkzfm.com.

With the world-wide recession in 2009, he closed the majority of his businesses and returned to Canada, settling in Cambridge, Ontario. Currently, he is the Assistant Governor of the five Kitchener Waterloo Clubs and a member with the Kitchener Westmount Rotary Club. Since the University of Waterloo is an integral part of his life, he is a volunteer with the university mentoring programme and a Senator on the UW Senate. He is presently employed as operations manager of a Civil Engineer firm, Meritech Engineering.

Andrew and his wife, Tracy, often reflect back on their lives in Jamaica, but are happy to be back in Canada where he was born and raised. "I will never forget the words 'Teach me goodness, discipline and knowledge' nor the fathers and teachers that instilled so much in me." Andrew still keeps in touch with classmate, James Fantin.

1990's

Michael Nugent '93 is currently married and living in Ottawa, where he works in sales for Price Waterhouse Cooper. He is studying to be a financial analyst, with a focus on real estate and private/public partnerships. Nugent's foray into the world of high finance represents quite a departure from his previous work with a variety of NGOs and international political bodies.

After living and working in Cairo for a year in 2000, Michael moved to Belgium where he completed a Masters degree in International Relations. Armed with his degree and a healthy dose of optimism, he moved to



Africa in 2004. There he spent the next three years working for various leading international organizations including the United Nations and European Union, specializing in project management for a number of democracy and post conflict initiatives.

Michael settled in Ottawa in 2007, returning for the first time in a decade to Ontario, a place he had not called home since completing his Honours Bachelor of Arts at Queen's University in 1997 and moving to London, England in 1998.

Well known during his time at St. Mike's for his intense fitness regiment, Michael remains an avid cyclist and rower.

Shane Holten '93 is an accessibility consultant with more than 14 years of experience in urban planning and construction. He is the founder and owner of SPH Planning and Consulting. As President of SPH, Shane has led the development and technical review of accessibility design guidelines and standards for diverse clients, including the Toronto Transit Commission and Royal Bank of Canada. Shane is a recognized leader in accessibility research, planning, policy development and design. He has conducted focused research supporting the development and evaluation of local, national and international accessibility design guidelines, standards, building codes and other best practices.



Shane studied at the University of Toronto, where he was awarded an Honours Bachelor of Arts in urban studies and economic geography. He then obtained a Masters Degree from York University in environmental studies, with a focus on planning and land use development.

He currently lives in North Toronto, not too far from the home of his youth that hosted many wonderful St. Patrick's Day parties all those years ago.

Paul Santi '99 is currently residing in Toronto and working as an insurance broker, specializing in automobile, commercial, and property insurance. Paul remains passionately involved with St. Michael's through his work with the Marc Santi Foundation (www.themarcasantifoundation.org), which operates in honour of his younger brother **Marc '01†**. In addition to the Marc Santi Foundation, Paul donates much of his time to the Schizophrenia Society of Ontario, The Italian Chamber of Commerce, and minor hockey. From 2004 – 09, Paul served as a linesman in the Ontario Hockey League. He now enjoys coaching minor hockey and is a founding executive member and director of the South Central Coyotes AAA Hockey club, based out of Richmond Hill, Ontario.



2000's

Andrew Maloney '01 is in his sixth season as an assistant track and cross country coach at the University of Tulsa's NCAA Division-I track and field program. He recently completed a Jurist Doctor of Laws/Masters of Business Administration and is licensed to practice law in the state of Oklahoma. Andrew represented Canada internationally in track in the 800m at the 2007 World University Games. He holds two national records in the 4x800m indoor and outdoor relays.

Andrew Forgione '07 was elected President of the University Students' Council at the University of Western Ontario in February 2011.

Daniel Garcia '07 is a fourth-year Honours Kinesiology student at McMaster University and is graduating this spring as class Valedictorian. He works as a Strength & Conditioning Coach for the McMaster Men's Volleyball Team, and helped them win a provincial championship and represent Ontario at the national level. He will continue at McMaster as a graduate student studying motor learning funded through the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) as a recipient of the Canada Graduate Scholarship.

Michael Lettieri '03 married Lindsay Cording on Saturday, April 2nd, 2011 at St. Peter's Church in Woodbridge.



Fortunato Comito '03, Marco Capo '03, Michael Scarcello '03, Robert Cortellucci '03, Michael Lettieri '03, Andrew Fazzari '03, Michael Powell '03, Mark Cesario '03, Tony DiNunzio '03, Marc Racco '03

in memoriam

1930's

[Raymond Patrick Cullen '37](#), passed away peacefully with his family by his side on February 18, 2011, at his home in Oakville, in his 91st year. Beloved husband of Kay (nee Agnelli), Ray will be dearly missed by his children D'Arcy (Mary Jo), Jan, Chris (Clara), Cathy and Jim (Karen). He was a cherished Poppy of Laura, Blake, Mirella and Aidan, and brother of [Fr. Dermot Cullen, C.S.B. '43](#). Ray is predeceased by his brothers [Fr. Ronald Cullen, C.S.B. '32](#), [Fr. Bud Cullen, C.S.B. '36](#), and his sister Doreen. Ray was a veteran of WWII and served in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

1940's

[Rev. Albert \(Bob\) Williams, C.S.B. '45](#), the son of Kimberley Williams and Margaret Crawford was born in Toronto on June 11, 1924. He entered the Congregation of St. Basil in 1945, and was ordained in June 1954. Fr. Bob taught at St. Michael's College School and for approximately 40 years at Michael Power/St. Joseph High School. He was a former Secretary General of the Basilian Fathers. He is remembered as a friendly, dynamic preacher, teacher and a generous, zealous and wonderful person, always smiling and endearing himself to both staff and students.



[Rev. James Enright, C.S.B. '42](#), died peacefully in his sleep on Monday, December 20, 2010. Fr. James (Jim) was born in Detroit, Michigan, in 1924 and moved to Toronto, where he completed his primary school at Holy Rosary and secondary school at St. Michael's College. He entered the St. Basil's Novitiate in 1942, and was ordained in 1951. He taught at Catholic Central School in Detroit and St. Thomas High School in Houston, Texas. His 17 years teaching at St. Michael's College School were marked by his involvement in hockey, including the establishment of the high school hockey intra-mural league. Fr. Jim will be remembered for his good humour, priestly qualities and friendship to all.

[Rev. Hugh John Curran, C.S.B. '43](#) died peacefully in his sleep December 10, 2010 at Providence Health Care Centre. Fr. Curran was born in Clarkson, Ontario, February 12, 1925, one of five children of John J. and Eulala (Flynn) Curran. Fr. Hugh was raised on an orchard farm in the Clarkson area and a member of St. Mary's Parish. He attended the local public school and high school in neighbouring Port Credit. In 1942, he began his final two years of high school at St. Michael's College School, and entered St. Basil's Novitiate in 1943. Hugh made his profession of vows the following year. His first assignment was at Assumption College, Windsor where he obtained a BA degree in 1947. He was then appointed to teach at St. Thomas High School in Houston for one year, followed by a year of teaching at Catholic Central High School, Detroit. Fr. Curran then returned to Toronto for Theological Studies and was ordained to the priesthood June 29, 1951. Following his ordination Fr. Hugh began parish ministry at St. Basil's Church, Toronto. After a number of years at St. Basil's he successfully served in several parishes: Holy Family Parish, Missouri City, Texas; Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Glendale, Arizona; and Assumption Parish, Windsor, Ontario. Fr. Hugh was gifted with a cheerful gentle disposition and because of his openness and friendliness many sought his counsel and direction. His parishioners, colleagues and confreres also admired his wisdom and great sense of humour. He began living in retirement at Dillon House, Houston, July 2002. In 2006, because Fr. Hugh needed special health care, he moved to Anglin House in the Cardinal Flahiff Basilian Centre, Toronto. Fr. Hugh is predeceased by his parents, brother Paul Edward and sister Mrs. Eleonore Lee, and survived by his sisters Mrs. Margery Doyle, Mrs. Lorraine Watters and sister-in-law Mrs. Christine Curran.

1950's

[Gary E. Schreider '53](#) died peacefully at home in Ottawa on January 22, 2011. Gary will be remembered as an outstanding student, a great athlete in track and field, Jr. 'B' player and captain of the Kerry Blues football team. As a former member of the Ottawa Rough Riders 1956-64, he was a member of the 1960 Grey Cup Champions, and CFL Eastern Conference All Star Team. He was also the first President of the CFL Players' Association, chairman of the first CFL All Star Game, member of Ottawa Sports Hall of Fame, Queen's University Football Hall of Fame, Belleville Sports Hall of Fame and St. Michael's College School Wall of Fame. As a lawyer he served for more than a decade as sole arbitrator between the NHL and NHLPA. He retired in 2004 as a Queen's Counsel lawyer and Master - Ontario Superior Court. Gary was a devoted husband to Patricia (nee Rooke) and father of Gary (Kim), Ron (Heather), Tom, Michael (Anne-Marie) and Suzanne (Gary Callaghan) and cherished grandfather. A gentleman, scholar and friend, he was loved and will be greatly missed.

[Jack Kentish '55](#), a long-time resident of Sarasota, Florida, passed away in December, 2010, at his current residence in Costa Rica. Good friend and fellow Tweedsmuir House boarder, [Stan MacLellan '55](#) organized a Mass of celebration held in the St. Michael's College School Chapel on March 11, 2011, followed by a luncheon. In attendance were friends and fellow boarders: [Jim Gregory '54](#) and his wife Rosalie, [Frank Dumsha '55](#), [Fr. Chris Rupert S.J. '54](#), celebrant, [Pat Young '55](#), [Leo McArthur '55](#), [Dick Duff '55](#), [Stan MacLellan '55](#), [Joe Younder '56](#), [Tom Micallef '57](#), and Hugh McDougall. Jack came to St. Mike's in 1953 from the mining town of Malartic, Quebec. He endeared himself to many of the boarders with his kindness, concern and friendship, which for many present has lasted a life time. Jim Gregory spoke of his long standing association with Jack: "He was always there for me and others; he sort of saw himself as a father figure even though we were older. He was a man for others and would often invite my wife and me to his Florida home. You could not have a better friend." Stan MacLellan recalled Jack's persistence in doing everything well. "He would get up at three in the morning, take a bucket of pucks and shoot them at the boards on the outdoor rink on the south side of St. Clair, waking up the boarders." Jack attended St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto and after two years of study was accepted at Osgoode Hall Law School. While at SMC he played on the Jennings Cup championship hockey teams in 1957 and 1958 (coached by Hugh McDougall). He played intercollegiate hockey for Osgoode while at law school. He was a close friend of Fr. Dave Belyea, C.S.B.. Jack is survived by his sisters, Joan Kentish and Mary Anne (Claude Theberge).



[Bill \(Billy\) Colvin '55](#) passed away suddenly on November 3, 2010, in Huntsville, Ontario. Bill was gratefully blessed with a fulfilling life, as a family man, teacher, talented hockey player for the St. Mike's Majors, a Queen's graduate, an elite Olympic hockey player, and respected lawyer. [Howie Moran '54](#), long-time friend and neighbour writes, "Our priest, Fr. Gerrard McMahon thought very highly of Bill and wove his sermon around Paul's letter to the Philippians to include Bill's faith in God and his many accomplishments. Bill had suffered from a stroke and accepted his affliction without complaint and was determined to make the best of what he had been dealt. He missed playing golf and squash, but thoroughly enjoyed his annual venture to Toronto and reunion at the Balmy Beach Club, where he was always enthusiastically welcomed. He was a very good friend and I shall miss him." Howie's comments echo the feelings of all those who knew Bill, who was not without a sense of humour. [Peter Grossi '54](#) writes: In the Spring of '49, [Fr. Flanagan C.S.B. '32](#) invited me to a St. Mike's Minor Bantam practice at Varsity Arena. The arena was empty except for another player, a blond kid with a brush cut. I asked him where we were to get dressed. He pointed up to Section Q in the north-east corner of the arena. Never having been in an indoor rink, I took his direction, lugged my gear up and got dressed. After getting on the ice I came to learn that the team had dressed in one of the arena's regular dressing rooms. The blond brush cut was Bill, and the joke was on me. We next met playing on the Bantam team in the fall of 1949. That started a close, life-long friendship. I regularly reminded him of the trick he played on me. After a victory lap

Photo: Bill (left) and Pat Hannigan '56†

in grade 13, Bill went on to play with the '56 Olympic team while I went to Queen’s. Bill followed a couple of years later and we continued the great friendship formed at St. Mike’s.” Friends and classmates in attendance at St. Mary of the Assumption Church were: [Peter Grossi '54](#), [John Younder '54](#), [Dick Duff '54](#), [Jae Egan '55](#), [Rusty Morin '55](#), [Bob McKnight '57](#) and former Toronto Marlboros players. Condolences are extended to Bill’s wife, Jeannine, sons, William (June), Marc (Julie) and Jamie, sister Doreen and neices Cheryl, Carolynn and sister-in-law Laura.

[Julian Cengarle '59](#), brother of [Licio '64](#), uncle of [Michael '04](#) and [John '07](#).

1960’s

[Pat \(Paddy\) Walker '65](#) is predeceased by his wife, Barbara, and leaves his daughter, Kathleen and son Michael. Pat had a long career in the nuclear industry as a radiation physicist. His love of old tractors and culinary talents endeared him to all.

1970’s

[Michael Cook '75](#) leaves his wife Kerry, daughter, Jordan, son, Barrett, mother, Helaine and mother-in-law Dorothy Bush. Michael will be deeply missed by his lifelong friend, [Rick Winnik '75](#) and his wife Mary. Michael was a respected student and a valued member of the St. Michael’s College School Kerry Blues football team. A proud moment in his life was witnessing the university graduation of both his children.

[Randy Ludlow '75](#) passed away on September 15, 2010 with his family by his side. Beloved son of Charles and Audrey, he is survived by his sons, Christopher and Jonathan. Predeceased by his brothers, Mark and Kevin, he will be lovingly remembered by Tracy (Fraser), Chris (Donna) and Lynn (Chris).

1980’s

[Chris Heisig '87](#), passed away in 1999, leaving his wife Deborah and children Hillary and Madeline. Chris practiced law in Vancouver, British Columbia and Calgary, Alberta.

[Alex Tassolin '85](#)

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Matteo Pagano, father of Vincent, former Vice Principal of St. Michael’s, grandfather of [Matthew '92](#); Francesco Cassano, grandfather of [Michael '02](#) and [Christopher Gesualdi '02](#); Margaret Cowan, grandmother of [David Miller '11](#); Theresa Chalpowsky, grandmother of [Albert Chalpowsky '11](#); Antonio Borean, father of Fr. John Borean and Clara Russiello, former secretary at St. Michael’s; Patrick Leonard, friend and faithful supporter of St. Michael's; George Theodorakakis and Peter Koumoutsidis, grandfathers of [George Theodore '13](#); Paolo Varaschin, grandfather of [Anthony Castiglione '11](#); Jane Sullivan, mother of [Michael '64](#), [Robert '73](#), grandmother of [Ryan '02](#) and [Matthew '11](#); Michael Brendan Flynn, father of [Michael '93](#), [Stephen '94](#) and [Kevin '96](#); Sergio Pietrobon, father of [Rob '74](#), [Ernie '79](#) and grandfather of [Adrian DeVincenzo '06](#) and [Stephen Pietrobon '12](#); Mary Perpetua Quigley, mother of the late [Jack Quigley '70](#), and mother-in-law of Wanda Drapala-Quigley, teacher at St. Michael’s; Luigi Carcella, grandfather of [Michael Asta '12](#); Francesca Ignagni, grandmother of [Adrian Ignagni '11](#); David Edmonson, brother of [Ian '13](#); Thelma Rose, grandmother of [Angus Dineley '01](#); Ida Luciani, grandmother of [John '11](#); Lea Carlin Sistilli, grandmother of [Stefan Sistilli-Squazzin '12](#); Anne Manz, great-grandmother of [Michael Puopolo '14](#) and [Connor Reid '11](#); Olga Beltrame, grandmother of [Paul '99](#), [David '03](#) and [Marc Santi '01†](#); Frank Greco, father of [Francis '88](#); Connie Louise Fitzpatrick, wife of [Ken Vopni '83](#) and mother of son, Mitch.

The St. Michael’s community is saddened by the passing of all alumni and friends. We strive to publish all death notices on a timely basis, and make every effort to ensure the accuracy of our obituaries. Please help us keep our loved ones in the school’s prayers by sending information to the Office of Advancement at advancement@smcsmail.com, or phone 416-653-3180 ext. 458.

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turkey roll & reunion

November 26, 2010

The class of 1961 was represented by [Jim Rooney](#), [Paul Carson](#), [Tom Horsley](#) and [John Dempsey](#), who shares his memories here.



I write this from memory after having visited the new Archives and Museum over the old Shop and Arena, neither of which were there in 1961.

What a year it was to be for the 1961 graduating class at St. Michael's College School. For hockey fans, which most of us were, and probably still are, it was an unending feast. The Majors won the Memorial Cup, the Buzzers rarely lost and won the Ontario championship. Scattered on other St. Mike's THL teams were student names like [Mike Walton '62](#), [Garry Monahan '65](#), [Gerry Meehan '65](#) and [Frank Micallef '64](#). For me, however, the most impressive personality was easily [Fr. David Bauer, C.S.B. '45](#). For that graduating year, while balancing his coaching duties

with the Majors, he taught us a mandatory non-credit religion course based on the writings of the French Christian philosophers of the early 20th century. Thinking back now, it must have been a struggle for Fr. Bauer, C.S.B. to balance those teaching responsibilities with the Majors games, road trips and practices. One day he came to class with a black eye picked up at practice. Another day, during the playoff series with St. Catharines, someone asked him a question about the writings of Jacques Maritan and, uncharacteristically, he replied to the effect that he was not to be bothered that day because he was trying to figure out how to stop St. Catharines star offensive defenceman Whitey Stapleton. We were all so preoccupied with hockey that year, and around the time of the playoff celebrations, when we were preparing for our Ontario Grade XIII exams, we were called to the school library where we were given a pep talk by the librarian Fr. Williams, C.S.B. He told us that we had better study hard over the following few weeks to come up to the school standard. Well, I guess we did because we all did well. Time has flown but the good memories remain.

Sharing their memories from the class of 1986 are [Dennis Caponi '86](#) and [Mike Magennis '86](#)



As [Mike Cutrara](#), [Joe Sherlock](#) and [Mike Magennis](#) were out celebrating prior to the Turkey Roll, Peter Bodi, Peter Discola, Michael Gillis and John O'Neill gathered at the Caponi house for a BBQ. They then made their way down to St. Mike's for a memorable evening, meeting old friends from around the world: [Dr. Allan Tinmouth](#), [Jack Czarnota](#), (London, England), [Mark Zownir](#) (Hong Kong), [Matthew Collins](#) (Alberta) [Marcello Ausendo](#) (Bermuda) and [Tom Brown](#). It was wonderful to see Coach P, Dave Tessaro and Hugh McDougall and as well as countless alumni from over the years. We remembered the stories, the pranks and trips to Room 214.

The following reflection is from [Adam Marcotte '01](#).

In reflecting on my 10-year high school reunion, I cannot say with certainty when I first realized that the time had gone so quickly. I have been fortunate to have remained in contact with some of my friends and, after a few quick phone calls, we decided we would meet and see “who else would bother to show up.” On the evening of the Turkey Roll we gathered in the west end and rode the subway, just like so many mornings while we were still students. How quickly we returned to the easy comfort of talk, joking, and just hanging out on the ride to Bathurst and St. Clair. Even after we arrived, and met old friends, it was amazing how we were to pick up conversations as if it were only yesterday. There were some great laughs at the “Movember” moustaches that many of us had grown (or attempted to grow), as well as reminiscing on the time “someone” soaked Fr. Zinger, C.S.B. with water from the garden hose. Had time really passed? The realization set in as we were all speaking and sharing our experiences. We had all changed, gone our separate ways with new responsibilities. It was wonderful to learn that [Mike Beauvais](#) had become a professional MMA fighter and [Prevain](#)



[Devendran](#) had set himself up as a lawyer. [Pat McKernan](#), [David Memme](#), [Dario DiCarlo](#), and [Matt Duffy](#) were now well established in the construction industry, and spent the evening comparing notes on topics like LEED certification and project management issues. [Chris Sapiano](#) is completing a Ph.D at U of T. It was great to see [Alex Howard](#), [Mike Vitullo](#), [Damian Smektala](#), [Ryan Diracolo](#), [Mike Tersigni](#), [Dan Grossi](#), and [Mike McCarthy](#). We all seemed to have matured and followed different paths since 1996 when we entered as “niners”. However, one thing remained: underneath it all, it was reassuring to find that we are all still a group of good guys from St. Mike's, double-blue to the core.

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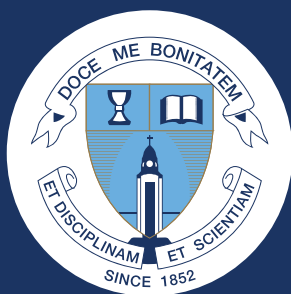
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